



Maricopa County

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PET OVERPOPULATION A PROBLEM DURING THE SPRING MONTHS

MCACC to offer free spay/neuter to help needy families prevent future problems

(PHOENIX)- Overpopulation of pets is a serious issue in Maricopa County. To help prevent future problems, Maricopa County Animal Animal Care & Control is holding a free spay day on May 6, 2006. "This is the time of the year that un-spayed and un-neutered animals begin to breed and ultimately, many of them end up homeless and in our shelters," says Dr. Rodrigo Silva, MCACC Director. "By spay/neutering our pets now we are preventing the future suffering of unwanted animals in our community."

Pet owners who are in need that are interested in getting a free spay or neuter are asked to bring their animals on May 6th to either of the MCACC full-service animal care centers. Customers should plan to line up early, as it is a first-come/first-serve offer. We will sterilize 200 animals (60 cats and 40 dogs; 20 female and 20 male, at each facility). Animals will be available to be picked up the same day. All cats must be in individual carriers and dogs must be on a leash. All cats must weigh at least 2 pounds and dogs 4 pounds and be under 7 years of age. Do not feed your pet after 10 p.m. the night before.

MCACC has other low-cost spay/neuter options including a mobile spay neuter unit and a voucher program. Visit pets.maricopa.gov for a complete listing of MCACC's Big Fix spay/neuter program.

WHO: Maricopa County Animal Care & Control

WHAT: Needy families may get their pet spayed or neutered for FREE as part of the BIG FIX program.

WHEN: Saturday, May 6, 2006 Intake begins no later than 6:30 a.m. The public is encouraged to line up early.

**WHERE: MCACC West Clinic, 2323 S. 35th Ave., Phoenix
MCACC East Clinic, 2630 W. 8th St., Mesa**